AMENDMENT TO ITEM NO. 22

The Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Program is a collaboration between the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) and community-based clinics, to deliver primary health care services for the uninsured and underinsured. The PPP Program, which emerged after the County's 1995 fiscal crisis, has existed for over a decade, and has become a cornerstone of the County's safety net system in delivering primary, dental and specialty care services. Over the last 8 years, the Program has served 1.7 million people in the County and provided over 5.5 million medical visits.

Although the 1115 Waiver ended in June 2005, the Board of Supervisors and DHS have committed to continue funding the PPP program. To this end, in May 2005 this Board approved PPP extension agreements for one year pending the issuance of a new RFP for services which would include a revised and updated allocation formula. Since that time, this Board has reviewed and approved three separate extensions with a

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fourth extension pending before this Board today. Clearly, the Department needs this Board's support and direction to move this process forward, resolve outstanding issues with our PPP providers, and award the new PPP contracts as expeditiously as possible.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT

- For purposes of patient care and organizational stability, DHS be directed to amend the existing PPP provider agreements to extend through the end of the current fiscal year;
- 2. That CEO convene a six-member allocation formula working group comprised of the following participants: the Deputy CEO from the Health and Mental Health Cluster who will serve as Chair; the DHS Director of Planning and Analysis; the Interim Director of Ambulatory Care; and three representatives of the California Community Clinics Association of Los Angeles, whose membership is comprised of PPP providers. The working group will provide recommendations to the Board on an equitable, countywide funding allocation methodology that will best meet the health care needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of Los Angeles County; and
- 3. DHS provide a written progress report within 90 days.

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